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Spy Who Fled British Jail Sends a Letter From Egypt

LONDON, April 6 (AP) — Scotland Yard confirmed today a newspaper report that it had a letter from the escaped spy, George Blake, mailed in Egypt.

The letter was dated March 30, carried an Egyptian postmark, and was received earlier this week by Blake's 71-year-old mother, who lives in Hertfordshire, northwest of London. Blake is believed out of Egypt now and perhaps in a Communist country.

The letter is believed to have contained a message of good wishes to Blake's family and assurance of his good health. Scotland Yard said inquiries about the letter were being made.

Blake vanished from London's Wormwood Scrubs Prison last October after having served five years of a 42-year sentence. He had worked as a double agent for the Soviet Union and British intelligence.